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Dear Paul,

The name Eduardo Reyes, his group, Joven America and their publication "Accion" all sound familiar, but I cannot recall anything about them. I seem to remember them as some kind of youth group. I will seek to learn what I can from several sources.

The problem I imagine you face is that all of these people call themselves by respectable names, like "nationalistic" and "conservative", whereas some are simply fasciatic and others are violence-prone. If it come back, I'll write you immediately.

Meanwhile, I have written one person with whom I am in contact. There is also a university archive that can be checked. It will require of a student when he has time about a 60 mile trip. I think this can, if desireable, be arranged. There are also several people from whom I expect to hear in the near future who can, I am certain, get me a rundown. I will ask it from each and then be in touch. I are pretty certain I'll be able to get what has been in the papers about them, without too great a lapse in time.

You are quite right about Garrison, and he is so hard to help. He trusts the wrong people, mistrusts those he should trust. In this case, although he may say too much, he is still correct. And he over-reacts. He had forgotten some stuff I gave him back in November, of which I reminded him in January, that proves twoxadditional perjuries by Shaw. Both are very material. In the jury's mind, the case may have hinged on one. He has clear cases of perjury against at least two other defense witnesses and may be unaware of it. Had he but spoken to me before he charged Shaw, I could have referred him to the documents I had out in his files, but he is proud, and would not ask help (I suspect especially because I did not stay there for the trial) and is more paranoid than you can imagine about using the phone. However, he is the kind of cat who gets toughest in a fight. My fear is that he may have reduced the credibility of everyone else. Had he not stayed out of contact, I could have provided him with a solid witness, a newspaperman, who was a bystander when one of the witnesses against him was corrupted - and by an enemy of his.

I feel he was deeply disturbed by the Boxley affair (and Boxley was only one of several), by his own misjudgements. I tried to warn them about Tom Bethell, the man he has just charged with giving the entire case to Shaw's lawyers, for more than a year. In October I had and communicated additional prooof that he had been helping another man Garrison had charged. In fact, a year ago I made it a condition of my sending them anything that he not get it. Bethell has confessed, in writing. ....As soon as I hear anything about Joven America I'll write. Thanks for the return of the Jones material.

Best wishes,
Harold Weisberg

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